

Parks and Recreation - 1930

Montgomery, Ala. Advertiser
Thursday, October 9, 1930**Negroes To Have Both
Kinds Of Golf Courses**

It was learned yesterday that there will shortly be established on the property owned by and adjoining the State Normal School for Negroes here, two golf courses, a miniature course and another regular nine-hole course, for the benefit of negro citizens. A fee is to be charged those playing on either course. It is understood.

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Annual Conference of Recreation Executives.

**Recreation Executives
in Annual Conference**

DETROIT, March 8. — The delegates to the annual conference of recreation executives closed their session Saturday after three days discussing the various problems confronting them for the future. The meeting was held at the Central Community center.

Delegates from 20 cities attended the conference, which was under the direction of Ernest Atwell, field director of the Playground and Recreation Associations of America; Roy Smith-Wallace of Philadelphia, assisted Mr. Atwell.

C. E. Brewer, commissioner of recreation, welcomed the delegates to the city Thursday morning. Mr. Brewer told them of some of the obstacles that must be overthrown before the recreation work will reach a higher plane. Mrs. L. A. McDermott, white, supervisor of women in the recreation work in Detroit, and J. J. Considine, supervisor of men, also lectured to the delegates. Dr. James W. Ames, prominent local physician gave an interesting talk to the delegates Saturday morning.

One of the problems discussed at length by the delegates was that of financing new buildings in Race communities. The various methods employed in the past, such as getting money from the community chest, outside help, and others, were presented to the body.

Another question that called for protracted talks was the problem of charging fees for the activities in the buildings. The delegates were of the opinion that it was all right to charge for basketball games, dancing and other activities if the money was to defray the expenses incurred.

A large program was given by the classes in the auditorium of the Central Community center Friday evening for the delegates. The art, social, civic, music, dramatic and athletic departments participated.

Mrs. Marion Green and Thomas Dent were in charge of the social committee for the congress, while Leon Wheeler was chairman of the local committee. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duplessis entertained the delegates Saturday evening.

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**Work Begins on Negro Park and
Recreation Center.**

Work was started yesterday at the intersection of Park avenue and Vine street in development of a Negro recreation center and ball park. The project is being carried out by the Missouri Pacific Lines, which owns about 20 acres suitable to the needs of a public park. More than 20 Negro employes of the Missouri Pacific were at work clearing away trash, cutting weeds and cleaning up the tract. A baseball diamond and park will be built and playground equipment installed.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GETS NEW PLAYGROUND; RACE ORGANIZATION CONSTRUCTING NEW COUNTRY CLUB

For the first time in the history of Southern California its 75,000 colored residents are to have a modern Country Club and recreational resort near enough to the heart of the city as to be reached by electric car service.

All previous attempts to provide a recreational playground for our people have been so greatly handicapped by the distance as to seriously detract from whatever other advantages they may have had. This handicap is overcome by the fact that the new club resort is but 25 minutes from the heart of the city by electric car line and 15 minutes by automobile. Plans have been completed and construction is underway in the building of the largest, finest and nearest recreational playground owned and to be managed and conducted exclusively by and for our people in Southern California.

The mammoth brick building, 100 feet by 250 feet, and its four acres of surrounding ground owned and formerly occupied by the Hefflin Furniture Manufacturing Co., at 111th street, and Santa Ana Boulevard, has been leased for a period of years to another racial group who in turn are working night and day transforming this valuable piece of close-in property into one of the most modern and elaborate as well as complete Country Clubs as will be found in any eastern metropolis.

Plans drawn by Architect James H. Garrott call for the remodeling and refurnishing the main building as the central club house of the new resort which is to be known as the Appomattox Country Club. The spacious lobby used by the Hefflin Furniture Co., as its display room, is being decorated and refurnished with new electric fixtures, numerous lamps, rugs, wall decorations, upholstered chairs and lounges, making it one of the most beautiful and spacious club lobbies in the country. Adjoining the lobby on the left a room 50

feet by 89 feet will be divided into private club rooms for ladies and gentlemen, beautifully decorated and supplied plentifully with all forms of club amusements—pool, billiards, checkers, bridge, etc. Another 50 by 89 foot room adjoining on the south-east is being remodeled into a fully equipped dining room with dance floor in center, two private dining rooms and a modern kitchen. Directly in the rear of the lobby and adjoining the dining room on the right, a 50 by 89 foot wing is being divided into a ladies' and gents' dressing rooms with lockers and showers for the bathers.

In the rear of the building opening from the locker room is a 10 foot esplanade, cement and covered by awning, fronting directly on the 40 foot swimming pool. Ranging in depth from 1-2 foot to 10 feet, this modern pool is supplied with a constant flow of pure underground spring water pumped into the pool and overflowing into a modern lake covering more than 2 acres of ground.

The lake, the only still body of water aside from the city parks, available to our people this side of Elsinore, 69 miles away, is partly completed and when finished and landscaped will offer the most attractive recreational feature of any privately owned country club in the United States. In the center will be a band stand with radio connections and speakers. Swimming will be confined exclusively to the pool leaving the lake free for boating.

The spacious grounds now enclosed by fence will be beautifully landscaped and will contain other forms of amusement, including a large

cement tennis court, a miniature golf course and a kiddies wading pool. The site pleased all concerned, and Supervisors Andreson and Cheney are to work out final details between the forest supervisor and the colored people. The incident is significant because of the amity and good humored negotiations throughout, without hint of ill feeling. The site is on the new state highway between Big Bear Valley and Arrowhead.—Redlands Facts.

In order that this new playground may be accessible to every man, woman and child in Southern California, the management has created an innovation in the form of membership fees by placing the initial entrance and the monthly dues at such a nominal figure as to make a membership with its exclusive privileges cost one far less than they are now paying for their amusement elsewhere.

Only one form of membership will be offered, according to the statement of the management, as experience in past club ventures has shown that our people cannot afford to belong to any club organization no matter how exclusive or how elaborate, when dues are so high as to make their amusement cost entirely out of proportion to their earning capacity.

A. S. Lavine, president of the club organization, announces that by working night and day he will be able to throw open the doors of the club building Sunday, August 31, for inspection by the public and that on Monday, September 1 (Labor Day), the club will open officially with a mammoth bathing beauty contest, a gorgeous style show and various other attractions to be announced later.

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COLORED RACE RECOGNIZED

The United States Forest Service will set aside a certain tract in the San Bernardino mountains for use of the colored people of the county for summer recreational purposes. The announcement was made yesterday by the supervisors, following request of the Negro representatives of San Bernardino that this be done. The forest service has suggested a site one mile east of Running Springs and approximately a quarter mile from the state highway, where it crosses Dry Creek.